THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRl SANATAN BISIi); I *am not* taking the sense of the House. . (Int*er-rupiions) , , .*

SHRI GURUDAS This. GUPTA: I am only suggestirg Sig let us be Paticnt. The most impassioned discussion is over I am only sug~ gesting that the Calling Attentiori be dekired fill tomorrow . .(Interruptio*n) . , .*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL; Mr. vice Charman Si, if the request of Mr. Gnruds-; Dc.s Gupta is atceci ed to that the calling' Attonrmn be taken up tomorrow, then ne cther business can be taken up today. Rule 180, aub-rule is says: "The proposed matter shall be- raised after the questions and the laying of papers. if any, on the Table and before any *oth*er ite*m in* the list of business is taken uP and at no other time during the sitt-ing- of the CoucciL" Ro. no other item can be taken up A.ccording to the Rule Book, only Calling Attention Motioij Can be taken up and no otiier other. can be taken up. That is the *position. .. (Interruptions) ...*

SHRl GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, what I am saying is this. You said from the Chair that the House had decided not *to* take up the Cal-ling .Alleiition during; the Zero Hour Horn and we had a very long Therefore, the .same House could decide to take this up tomorrow. The House can. decide it. ! am only sugge.sting. . . *(Interrutions) . . .*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: have no abjection. 1 am only ob jecting that the Interpratation was wrong.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My inferpretflion was not Wrong

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN SHRI SANATAN BIST); Already I have stated that Zero Hour is over. Al-ready I have stated That we will lip the Calling Attention Mo Now I request Shri S, B. n to move the motion.

CALLING ATIENTION TO MATTER OF UEGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE POWER CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY.

SHRI S, B, CHAVAN (Maharashtra), See, I beg to call the attention of the Minister *of* Power to the power *crisis* in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF -THE MINTSTKY OF *SCIENCE* AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MTNIS-TFA- OF POWER (SHRI YOGIN-DER. K. A.LAGH)- Sir, Powe.- Bhor-tages continue to persist in .siiortage is primarily dne to Phoitfallmost Parit country. The enaergv shorvage and peak . dofleit during July,' 1897 was 8.3 per cent and 14.5 per cent. espectively. The State- wise details. for energy and peaking deficit for the nriontn of Jnly, 1997. .given in Statement-I (See below)

The, reason f*or* the power in cppa-city addition during the 8*th* Plan period and also decline in hydel jienerafiOi: during 1996-9?.

SHRl SATISH AGARWAL (Raj- asthari): Are yon reading ont your Btaremet't?

SHRl YOGINDER K ALAGH: Yes.

SHRI SATISH AXTAB-WAI..-: But have you read lule 180(1)? This is; Calling Atrentic Attention to matterc; of urgent Importance Chapter 14 which I says-

> *A* member may, with the previous nernission of the Chairman, call the attenrion of a Minister to any rnattsv of urgent public inipovtJArce and the Minister may make a brief sta-emen! or ask for time to malce a ctatemetit at a later hour or date;"

So you can mak e a brief Statement. Your Statement rung into 18 pages. It is not even a Statement. It is contrary to Rule 180 (1).

SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH: Mr. Vice-Chairman, may I just take a minute on this?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI .SANATAN BISI): You can tell....

SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH: No, no; I would likg to clarify what the hon. Member, Shri Satish Agarwal is raising. My Statement which is typed in single line is only tow pages

' There are a ftumber of aimfexure which have been given and I would remind the hon. Member that yesterday this issue was discussed with the Chairperson. She said that while giving a Statement you can give supplemental information to the House.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: So will you read only two pages?

SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH: I am reading only two pages. Typed in single line the statement runs into only two pages. The rest are annexures. If you would like to see them, fine; otherwise, you ned not necessarily go through them SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: That is all right. Two pages are all right. You can read two pages. ALAGH:

SHRI YOGINDER K. -if am reading two pages.

The capacity addition during the Bth Plan (1992-97) was only 16,423 MW compared to the capacity addition of 21,401 MW during the 7th Plan period (1985—90) . The shortfall in the capacity addition was 46 per cent during the 8th Plan period, A detailed note on the proposed capacity addition programme during the 9th Plan, is given in Statement II (See below)

There was also a decline in th rate of growth of electricity genera tion during 1996-97 compared to 1995-96. The increase in power eneration during 1995-96 and 1996 97 was 8.3 per cent and 3.8 per cent respectively. The decline in the rate of growth of power generation in 1996-97 was mainly due to lower hydel generation, whereas Thermal and Nuclear generation increased by 5.8 per cent and 13.1 per cent res pectively, hydel generation fell toy 5.4 per cent. However, during the last two months there hag been a marked improvement in power generation. Electricity! Generation in June and July, 1997 registered a significant increase of 8.2 per cent and 8.4 per -cent respectively over the generation level during the cor responding months of the previousear. Such a high rate of growth in generation had not occuneed dur ing the last 21 months.

MEASURE (FOR IMPROVING THE POWER POSITION IN,THE SHORT RUN:

Realisig that power shortages are likely to accentuate in the next three years as only around 10,000 MW new capacity is likely to materialise and with a view to maximise generation from the existing facilities and acce-leratng the completion of ongoing schemes, the Ministry of Power has evolved a short-term strategy. The main components of this strategy are:

(i) Additional budgetary support to Central Sector generation projects for their accelerated com-missioning. The supplementary budgetary assistance of Rs. 617.5 crores has been provided for ongoing hydel projects. This amount is intended for completion of the following ongoing hydel projects: Dulhasti, Rangit and Tehri Stage-I. The details of these projects art given in the Annexure.